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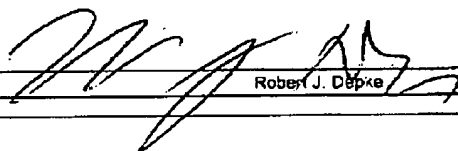
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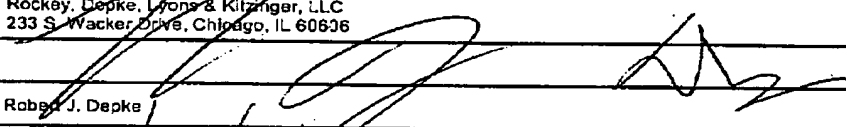
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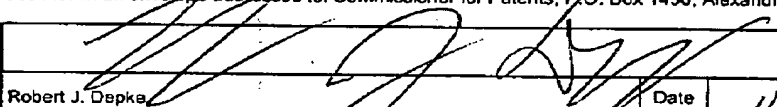
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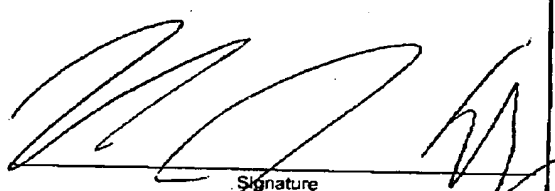
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ERRORS IN THE PRIOR REJECTION

Consistent with the Review Requirements for identification of clear errors, Applicants note the following:

- I. The prior art references of *Kotsuka* (U.S. Patent No. 6,057,796) and *Paulick* (U.S. Patent No. 5,710,987) fail to teach or suggest the subject matter contained in claims 1 - 18.

REMARKS**A. The §103 Rejection of Claims 1 - 18 Is Improper**

Applicants respectfully request review of the Examiner's rejection of claims 1 - 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Examiner has rejected these claims in view of the cited prior art references of *Kotsuka* (U.S. Patent No. 6,057,796) and *Paulick* (U.S. Patent No. 5,710,987). The *Kotsuka* reference is directed to an electromagnetic wave absorber which is suitable for a housing of a portable electronic apparatus. (See Column 1, lines 28 - 36). The *Paulick* reference is directed to integrating both a radiotelephone and a pager into a single portable unit (Column 1, lines 24 -

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28). As apparently recognized by the Examiner (in light of his withdrawal of this reference as a primary reference), *Paulick* fails to teach or suggest the use of an electro-magnetic wave absorbing element in order to reduce the amount of electromagnetic radiation that reaches the user. Accordingly, Applicants will focus on the application of the *Kotsuka* reference in light of the currently claimed invention.

Applicants submit that the Examiner's rejection of claims 1 – 18 is insufficient for a plurality of reasons. Regarding independent claim 1, Applicants submit that the *Kotsuka* reference fails to teach or suggest “an electro-magnetic wave absorber 31 with one surface (right side of 31 in Fig. 3) adjacent a predetermined area of the conductive case 4A” and “a conductive member 32 provided at another surface (the left side of 31 in Fig. 3) of the electromagnetic wave absorber 31 and being electrically connected to the conductive case (via, for example, the wire 33 in Fig. 3 or the or the plate 34 in Fig. 5).” The Examiner, in his/her rejection on page 2 of the Office Action, identifies the conductive plate 19 as the “conductive member.” The claim clearly requires two different surfaces of the electromagnetic wave absorber, wherein one surface faces and/or is adjacent to the conductive case, and the other is attached to a conductive member which itself is also electrically connected to the conductive case. The *Kotsuka* reference fails to teach or suggest this limitation. Rather, it only discloses one surface which is adjacent to and/or faces the conductive case 19 (As disclosed in Column 3, lines 2 – 5, the conductive plate 19 clearly makes up the rear of the conductive case 15/19). For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 1, and place this claim in condition for allowance.

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Further regarding claims 2, 5, and 6, the Examiner has failed to identify any single prior art reference or combination of reference which teach the placement of the electro-magnetic wave absorber between the conductive case and a head of a user of the communication apparatus. Rather, Kotsuka clearly teaches that the electro-magnetic wave absorber should be used to coat an inside surface of the case, thereby failing to anticipate the plain language of the claim. (See Fig. 1 and Column 4, lines 46 – 49). For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 2, 5, and 6 and place these claims in condition for allowance.

Further regarding claim 3, Applicants note that the 5th paragraph clearly requires that the electro-magnetic wave absorber have one surface in contact with the shield case, and that a conductive member be provided on another surface of the electric wave absorber and being electrically connected to the case. As noted above with respect to claim 1, Kotsuka fails to teach or suggest such a structure. More specifically, Kotsuka fails to teach or suggest the placement of a conductive member on a surface of the wave-absorbing member different from the surface which is attached to the shield case and connected to the shield case. Fig. 6B of Kotsuka shows one portion of the claim, but fails to teach or suggest the further electrical connection of the matrix 29 to the shield case 19/15. For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 3 and place this claim in condition for allowance.

Further regarding claims 7, 9, 17, and 18, these claims more clearly specify that the conductive layer includes a metal film formed on a surface of the wave absorber opposite the surface of the wave absorber in contact with the shield case. (See Figure 3, wherein the metal conductor 32 is formed on a surface of the wave absorber 31 opposite the surface connected to

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the shield case 4A). The Examiner has failed to specifically state in his/her Office Action where this limitation is found in the cited reference. While the embodiment shown in Fig. 6B shows a conductive material 29, it fails to teach or suggest wherein this material is electrically connected back to the shield case to which the wave absorber is attached, as required by the claims and as shown in Figure 3 of Applicant's disclosure (See the wiring 33 which connects the conductor plate 32 back to the shield case 4A). For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 7, 9, 17, and 18 and place these claims in condition for allowance.

Further regarding claim 8, and as just discussed in the prior paragraph, the cited references of record fail to teach or suggest the claimed metal wiring. For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 8 and place this claim in condition for allowance.

Further regarding claims 12 and 16, the cited art of record fails to teach or suggest anything regarding the placement of the electro-magnetic wave absorber in relation to the switching circuit, the receiver, and the feeder. For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 12 and place this claim in condition for allowance.

Further regarding claims 13 and 14, the cited art of record fails to teach or suggest anything regarding the electrical connection of the conductive layer formed on a surface of the wave-absorbing layer to a ground level layer of the printed circuit board, or the electrical connection of the shield case to a ground level layer of the printed circuit board. For at least

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these reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 13 and 14 and place these claims in condition for allowance.

Further regarding claim 15, the cited art of record fails to teach or suggest the use of an outer housing made of an insulating material which encloses the electro-magnetic wave-absorber. Rather, Fig. 1A and the supporting text clearly teach the use of a conductive outer housing 15. For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 15 and place this claim in condition for allowance.

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